

Fredericksburg Arts Commission

Minutes

July 1, 2010

Commission Members present: Roy Jarnecke, Kevin Bartram, Debby Klein, Florence Ridderhof, Pat Thalman, Rochelle Grey (reappointed), Julie Perry, George Solley. Absent: Kerry Devine.

--Charlie Booth of the Rappahannock Arts Council also attended.

Meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by President, Roy Jarnecke.

Minutes of the June 3, 2010 meeting were approved as corrected.

Treasurer- Julie Perry reported that the treasury contains \$14,250.

Nominees for office: Roy proposed the slate of officers for the next biennium:

President – Kevin Bartram; Vice President – Roy Jarnecke

Secretary – Rochelle Grey; Treasurer- Julie Perry

The slate was moved unanimously, after which Kevin Bartram assumed the gavel. He thanked us and stated his vision for the commission: *That the Arts Commission develop and support strategies to help make a major economic and aesthetic difference in the community.*

Unfinished Business:

EDA feasibility grant application: no final decision has been made.

Via Colori report : Most official permits, schedules, performers, etc. are on schedule.

Public Art Wall Project - unveiled on July 2 at 6 p.m. Pat Thalman will host -assisted by Bonnie DeLelys of Richard Johnston House.

The EDA paid for the Wall Project artwork.

Website: Debbie – will present a proposal at the August meeting.

Strategic Plan—George and Julie will report at the August meeting; Kevin available.

Arts & Cultural District- George and Kevin are researching this and will report next meeting.

New Business:

--Kevin will meet with Joe Wilson, EDA Director to determine how the Arts commission can collaborate with the EDA to promote art in the community. The EDA has asked for our assistance recommending and vetting arts projects. Report at Aug meeting.

--Kevin appointed George and Roy to meet with Rick Hurley regarding collaboration with UMW on a proposed 400-seat auditorium at the corner of Sunken Rd & William St.

--If feasibility study has not been approved by August we may ask that it to be amended to include a collaboration with UMW on the suggested auditorium. Kevin - report at Aug mtg.

--Public Arts: Pat Thalman-appointed to review the Arts project concept. She will bring a report and internal plan for EDA & Commission collaboration on annual projects to the August mtg.

--July 1 - \$1500 has been provided to the Arts Commission from new city budget.

--Two positions are open on the Arts Commission. Seek nominees with business/arts.

Charlie Booth—Rappahannock Arts Council report contained three items:

- Sustainability workshops were success; next one is Sept 13
- Arts Council newsletter will publish an online newsletter; welcomes our input.
- Asked how can the Arts Council and Arts Commission collaborate?

Proposals: *The following proposals will be ready for the EDA by the next funding cycle:*

1. the website proposal, (Debbie)
2. Public Arts proposal, (Pat)
3. Arts Center (Kevin, George)

***Action Items:**

- EDA Feasibility Study- Aug meeting- Kevin to report on meeting with Joe Wilson regarding EDA partnership with Commission and UMW.
- Pat Thalman- Spearhead and report on an initiative with EDA on Public Arts.
- Web Site- Debbie to prepare a presentation for August Meeting,
- Strategic Plan—George, Julie, Kevin to report on this at August meeting.
- Commission openings need applicants strong in the arts and business.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Rochelle Grey, Secretary